

FROM CHARLESTON.

Correspondents of the New York papers furnish the following from before Charleston.

The result of the protracted observation showed that the south side of Fort Sumter has been repaired. By the aid of a powerful glass it was seen that a large number of cotton bales had been chained together, and that the front walls had been built up. The Confederate standard was flying over this portion of the Fort.

There is at night constant communication between Sumter and Charleston. Confederate steamers ply at these hours, and the works have recently been reinforced by gunners. Light pieces, in character with the temporary repairs have been placed in position, and their discharges were distinctly and occasionally heard.

The story afloat that the Confederates had removed all the heavy guns from Fort Sumter and placed them in other batteries built in new and better positions, (a Morris Island correspondent of the World says) there is serious cause to doubt. "Guns, or what looked very much like guns, have been remounted amid the ruins, and although they have given as yet no sign of life, yet it can hardly be doubted that they have been replaced in position for some special purpose, and will, yet, when the time comes, prove their existence by the execution done by their shells. The fort, too, looks as if it had been strengthened; a mass resembling cotton bales is thickly planted amid its ruined walls. The corporal's guard of garrison still hold their position, and the flag, knocked down so often during the bombardment, yet waves defiantly in front of Gillmore's heavy guns and the turrets of the monitors."

The Herald's correspondents says: "Four Monitors—the Passaic, Patapsco, Nahant and Montauk—came in on Wednesday afternoon and engaged Fort Moultrie and the batteries on Sullivan's Island, firing an occasional shot at Sumter and Wagner. The engagement opened at about half-past three o'clock, and for about two hours was maintained with great intensity, particularly on the Confederate side. The firing from Moultrie and Battery Bee was terrific. Many shots struck the Monitors, but did little damage. Fort Wagner was repeatedly struck by the exploding shells, and somewhat damaged. She fired but few shots during the contest at the Monitors. Battery Gregg was exceedingly active. Sumter was struck several times by rifle shells from the Passaic and Patapsco; but besides detaching masses of loose masonry, it did no further damage to the fort. No guns were dismounted, if they exist, and no further reduction accomplished. After two or three hours' fighting the Monitors responded to the general signal from the Ironsides to "cease firing," and withdrew.

Some days since the enemy made a systematic effort to blow up and destroy the gunboats and transports in Stono Inlet, by means of torpedoes. One torpedo exploded a little astern of the Pawnee, and blew her launch, which was towing astern, to fragments. A few moments later a tremendous explosion occurred on Bird Key, a few rods below the Pawnee, occasioned by another torpedo sent down at the same time. One drifted through the fleet of transports and up the Folly river, and exploded under the bows of the mortar schooner C. P. Williams, but occasioned no damage.

LATER.—The U. S. steamer Orleander, at Fortress Monroe, from off Charleston, on the 4th reports "Fort Sumter perfectly demolished" but—"the rebel flag still flying;" further, and somewhat novel, that Gen. Gillmore had "dug out and captured seventy-five men from the rifle-pits in front of Fort Wagner, last Tuesday, and finally and as usual, "everything is progressing favorably."

The Impending battle in Arkansas.

The Army correspondent of the Chicago Times writing from Clarendon, Ark., on the 23d ult., states that Gen. Kirby Smith, the Confederate commander in Chief of the Trans Mississippi Department has withdrawn from Louisiana and arrived at Little Rock, to superintend the measures now being taken for the defence of that place. From the latest advices received it is highly probable that a considerable portion of the Confederate forces lately operating in Louisiana accompanied their General, or are following his footsteps. The troops of Price, Marmaduke, Dobbin and Tappan, and the force recently opposing the advance of Blunt in the Indian country, have already formed a junction at Little Rock with the forces under Kirby Smith, and everything bids fair for a desperate defence of that place. The Confederate force now concentrating there will exceed twenty-five thousand men, some reports placing it above thirty thousand. This is a much larger force than Gen. Steele expected to operate against when he left Helena, and he has sent back to Memphis for reinforcements, which are now being hurried forward by steamers up White river.

The Confederates are fortifying at Bayou Metot, about fifteen miles this side of Little Rock. The point is one of many advantages, and, if well fortified and desperately defended will prove a hard place to take.

The position is said to be flanked by swamps, which will prevent its being turned and compel Gen. Steele to attack in front.

Gen. Steele is anxious to make the attack at the earliest practicable moment, in order that the entire Louisiana Army of Kirby Smith cannot arrive in time to share in the defence.

A letter, written on the 23d, from Duval's Bluff, Ark., says:

"Gen. Steele will push forward with the remainder of his forces as soon as proper entrenchments for the defence of this point have been constructed. The reinforcements promised him from Memphis, by General Hurlbut, have not been received, and it is now a matter of grave doubt whether they have been sent. Each hour's delay adds to the strait of the enemy and their position, and Gen. Steele will not wait for reinforcements. In the coming battle there can be no doubt but what the Federal forces will be opposed by a force double theirs in strength, posted behind fortifications, upon ground of their own selection."

Gen. Fisk, in a despatch to General Schofield, gives an account of the fight, on the 25th ult., with Price, at Brownsville in which he says the Confederates were defeated and driven across the Arkansas.

A Memphis dispatch reports all quiet in that section of country.

MARRIED.

In this city on the 5th of September, by the Rev. Wm. F. Speake, Mr. GEO. FOSTER, of Illinois, formerly of England, to Mrs. MARTHA BOSWELL, of this place.

DIED.

In Clarke county, Va., in August last, Mrs. VIRGINIA W. MEADE, wife of Wm. Meade, of White Post. And a few days afterwards, her aunt, Mrs. LUCINDA WASHINGTON, of White Post.

In Washington, on the 5th instant, of typhoid fever, JOHN E. LEACH, formerly of St. Mary's county, Maryland, aged 35 years.

CAME to my place, August 30th, an estray COW, light brown, with rope around her horns. The owner will come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

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EDUCATIONAL.

WENTWORTH SEMINARY, FOR YOUNG LADIES.

ALBERT E. BASSFORD, PRINCIPAL.

THE sixth annual session of this institution will commence on September 14th.

The principal will be assisted by the Rev. W. F. M. Jacobs, whose co-operation will more fully sustain the already acquired reputation of this school.

Circulars stating particulars can be obtained at the institution, Prince St., opposite Post Office. aug 15--2awtsep.& dtf

ALEXANDRIA SEMINARY.

By S. KING SHAY AND DAUGHTERS. Nos. 85 and 87 South Pitt Street, Alex. Va.

THE exercises of this school will be resumed on Monday 31st of August. The course of instruction will consist of the English branches, Drawing, French and the Classical languages. The school consists of two departments, Male and Female; the Males are taught in No. 85, and the Females in No. 87, the residence of the teachers. Strict attention will be paid to the morals and deportment of the pupils, and the government will be parental. For terms apply to the Principal. aug 26--3tdso9t

THE duties of MISS ELLEN MARK'S SCHOOL will be resumed on TUESDAY, the 15th of SEPTEMBER. Particular attention will be given to the ELEMENTARY BRANCHES as the only sure base for future improvement. It is desirable that all the pupils as far as practicable, should be present at the opening of the school. Terms, for Orthography, Reading, Geography, Grammar, Philosophy, History, Arithmetic and Algebra, from five to seven dollars per term of ten weeks. Music and French at Professor's charges.

The School is pleasantly situated on King street, No. 214, between Columbus and Alfred. aug 24--dtsept1&oct10.

MRS. WHITING will resume her SCHOOL for YOUNG CHILDREN on Tuesday the 15th of September and hopes her experience in teaching will insure her a share of public patronage. The school room is eligibly situated upon Washington st., adjoining the lot on which Christ Church is located. aug 26--1m*

NOTICE.

THE first course of the English and German DAY SCHOOL will commence on Tuesday, September 15th. Parents and guardians will please inquire for particulars at the Drug Store, corner of Prince and Fairfax streets.

JULIUS FRANKEL, PRINCIPAL.

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NOTICE.

ELLEN A COAKLEY will resume the duties of her SCHOOL, at her residence, No. 25 Commerce street, MONDAY, Sept. 14. sep 5--1w

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